

WHEREAS, March 29, 1974 marks the First Anniversary of the end of American participation in the South East Asian Conflict; and,

WHEREAS, the United States Government has set aside the Twenty-Ninth Day of March as Vietnam Veterans Day; and,

WHEREAS, South Dakotans are a people with a deep and continuing faith in the aims and principles of the United States and its Constitution; and,

WHEREAS, Citizens of the United States have always sent their sons and daughters to serve that Government and Constitution, and have further always given to those who serve respect and honor because of that service; and,

WHEREAS, Over twenty-five thousand of this State's men and women have participated in the Citizen-Soldiery of the Vietnam Era and have served with honor and distinction;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim Friday, March 29, 1974, as

VIETNAM VETERANS DAY

In South Dakota, and in suitable recognition of that day request that the flag of the United States be displayed on all public buildings, on our streets and on our homes. I also urge that civic and patriotic organizations participate in and give enthusiastic support to appropriate ceremonies marking this special day. I further ask All South Dakotans to participate as fully as possible in the spirit of this Day, remembering those who made the sacrifices, those who gave their lives, those who are disabled, those who are still missing and all those whose lives were interrupted by their service to our country in the Armed Forces, because of our Vietnam involvement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this 18th day of March, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Four.

Richard F. Kneip

RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Lorna B. Herseeth

LORNA B. HERSEETH, SECRETARY OF STATE

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